



URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL
OF
CLAYTON-LE-MOORS

1965

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE
HEALTH OF CLAYTON-LE-MOORS

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Topography

CLAYTON-LE-MOORS

Lancashire, N.E.

53° 46" to 53° 48" latitude.

2° 22" to 2° 24" longitude.

Enfield

Highest part of Township above Sea level, 540 feet.

Mean level, 470 feet.

Oakenshaw

Lowest part of Township above Sea level, 240 feet.

Mean level, 390 feet.

Landfall. South-Easterly to North-Westerly.

550 to 200 feet.

Climate

Exposed : Atmosphere damp.

Prevalent Winds : Westerly, South-Westerly.

Soil

Moorland, Clay.

Surrounding Hills : On the North the Pennine Range.

North-East : The Pendle Hills.

North-West : Minor Hills.

Annual Rainfall : Average, 50 inches.

Rivers

The Hyndburn, the chief recipient of the rainfall of the district.

Canals

Leeds and Liverpool Canal, dividing the Township into higher and lower portions, Enfield and Oakenshaw.

Industries

Brick-making, Lithographic and Letterpress Printing, Hydraulic Ram making, Chemicals and Colours, Paint and Varnish Manufacturing, Vitreous Glaze Enamelling, Carborundum Products. Horticultural insecticides and Fumigants, Light and Aviation Engineering.

| | | | | | | | |
|---------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------------------|
| Area | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1039.922 acres |
| Area of Water | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 18.078 „ |
| | | | | | | | <hr/> 1058 „ |
| | | | | | | | <hr/> <hr/> 1058 „ |

Population

| | | | | | | | |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----------|
| Census 1961 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6,440 |
| Estimate, mid-1964 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6,400 |
| Rateable Value, 1965/66 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | £234,040 |
| Sum represented by a Penny Rate, 1965/66 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | £903 |

Inhabited Houses

| | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Census, 1931 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2,101 |
| According to Rate Book, 1965 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2,484 |
| Average Persons per House | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2.57 |
| Uninhabited Houses | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 39 |

Population

| Year | | | Year | | |
|------|-----|-------|------|-----|-------|
| 1851 | ... | 3,292 | 1951 | ... | 6,823 |
| 1861 | ... | 4,679 | 1952 | ... | 6,817 |
| 1871 | ... | 5,390 | 1953 | ... | 6,997 |
| 1881 | ... | 6,694 | 1954 | ... | 7,020 |
| 1891 | ... | 7,134 | 1955 | ... | 7,010 |
| 1901 | ... | 8,159 | 1956 | ... | 6,980 |
| 1911 | ... | 8,868 | 1957 | ... | 6,900 |
| 1921 | ... | 8,579 | 1958 | ... | 6,860 |
| 1931 | ... | 7,909 | 1959 | ... | 6,800 |
| 1941 | ... | 7,034 | 1960 | ... | 6,790 |
| 1942 | ... | 6,820 | 1961 | ... | 6,440 |
| 1943 | ... | 6,664 | 1962 | ... | 6,510 |
| 1944 | ... | 6,705 | 1963 | ... | 6,510 |
| 1945 | ... | 6,410 | 1964 | ... | 6,400 |
| 1946 | ... | 6,607 | 1965 | ... | 6,400 |
| 1947 | ... | 6,680 | | | |
| 1948 | ... | 6,698 | | | |
| 1949 | ... | 6,774 | | | |
| 1950 | ... | 6,742 | | | |

Inhabited Houses

| Year | | | | |
|------|-------------------------|----|----|-------|
| 1921 | Census | | | |
| 1931 | ,, | | | |
| 1941 | According to rate books | | | |
| 1951 | ,, | ,, | ,, | 2,289 |
| 1952 | ,, | ,, | ,, | 2,311 |
| 1953 | ,, | ,, | ,, | 2,390 |
| 1954 | ,, | ,, | ,, | 2,391 |
| 1955 | ,, | ,, | ,, | 2,395 |
| 1956 | ,, | ,, | ,, | 2,396 |
| 1957 | ,, | ,, | ,, | 2,396 |
| 1958 | ,, | ,, | ,, | 2,397 |
| 1959 | ,, | ,, | ,, | 2,398 |
| 1960 | ,, | ,, | ,, | 2,398 |
| 1961 | ,, | ,, | ,, | 2,436 |
| 1962 | ,, | ,, | ,, | 2,465 |
| 1963 | ,, | ,, | ,, | 2,455 |
| 1964 | ,, | ,, | ,, | 2,484 |
| 1965 | ,, | ,, | ,, | 2,484 |

COUNCIL OFFICES,
CLAYTON-LE-MOORS
1967

**To the Chairman and Members of the
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF CLAYTON-LE-MOORS**

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit my report on the health of the district for 1965: this as you know has been delayed by the interval between the leaving of the Senior Public Health Inspector and the arrival of his successor in 1966.

Infant mortality was again outstandingly low, and taken with the still birth rate indicates a good standard. Infectious diseases presented no problems during the year. Housing conditions still leave much to be desired and call for much further work.

I thank the Clerk of the Council and Mr. Bailey for their continued co-operation and yourself Mr. Chairman and the Council for their invariable interest and support.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

R. C. WEBSTER

Medical Officer of Health.

VITAL STATISTICS

| Year | LIVE BIRTHS | | STILLBIRTHS | | TOTAL I.D. | INFANT DEATHS | | | NEO-NATAL MORTALITY | | | | ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS | MATERNAL MORTALITY | | | DEATHS ALL CAUSES | |
|------|----------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------------|------------|-------------------------------------|--|--|---------------------|-----------|-----------------|------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| | No. Registered | Rate Per 1,000 pop'n | No. Registered | Rate Per 1,000 pop'n | | Mortality Rate per 1,000 Livebirths | Mortality Rate per 1,000 Livebirths Legitimate | Mortality Rate per 1,000 Livebirths Illegitimate | No. Registered | Neo-Natal | Early Neo-Natal | Peri-Natal | | % of Total Livebirths | No. Registered | Inc. Abortion | Rate per 1,000 Live & Stillbirths | No. Registered |
| 1962 | 117 | 18.0 | 3 | 25.0 | 120 | 25.6 | 26.2 | Nil | 3 | 25.6 | 25.6 | 50.0 | 2.63 | Nil | Nil | Nil | 87 | 13.4 |
| 1963 | 103 | 15.8 | 3 | 19.0 | 105 | 29.1 | 29.1 | Nil | 3 | 29.1 | 29.1 | 47.6 | 1.70 | Nil | Nil | Nil | 102 | 15.7 |
| 1964 | 118 | 18.4 | 1 | 8.4 | 119 | 16.9 | 33.8 | Nil | 4 | 8.5 | 8.5 | 16.8 | 6.30 | Nil | Nil | Nil | 98 | 15.3 |
| 1965 | 90 | 14.1 | 2 | 22.0 | 93 | 11.0 | 12.1 | Nil | 1 | Nil | Nil | 10.9 | 12.8 | Nil | Nil | Nil | 86 | 13.4 |

* Adjusted { live birth-rate (comparability factor, 1.07) = 15.1 per 1,000
death-rate (comparability factor, 1.08) = 14.5 per 1,000.

| CAUSES OF DEATH DURING 1965 | MALE | FEMALE | TOTAL |
|--|------|--------|-------|
| Syphilitic Disease | I | — | I |
| Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases ... | I | — | I |
| Malignant neoplasm, stomach | 2 | I | 3 |
| " " lung, bronchus ... | I | — | I |
| Malignant Neoplasm, Breast | — | I | I |
| Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus | — | 2 | 2 |
| Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasm ... | 4 | 4 | 8 |
| Vascular lesions of nervous system | 6 | 6 | 12 |
| Coronary disease, angina | II | II | 22 |
| Other heart disease | 3 | 5 | 8 |
| Other Circulatory Diseases | I | 2 | 3 |
| Pneumonia | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Bronchitis | 7 | 2 | 9 |
| Other Diseases of Respiratory System ... | I | — | I |
| Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum | — | I | I |
| Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea | — | I | I |
| Hyperplasia of Prostate | I | — | I |
| Other defined and ill-defined diseases ... | I | 4 | 5 |
| All other Accidents | I | I | 2 |
| Totals ... | 43 | 43 | 86 |

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA, 1965

Ambulance Facilities

These are provided by the Lancashire County Council.

Nursing

The Home Nursing Service is provided by the Lancashire County Council.

Domestic Help Service

The County Council provides this. The Home Helps are engaged on an hourly basis, and are available for maternity cases and cases of illness. A loan equipment service for wheelchairs and other nursing requisites is now operated by the new clinic.

Maternity and Child Welfare

The service is administered by the Lancashire County Council in the new clinic built in September, 1964, and situated in Church Street, Clayton-le-Moors. The Infant Welfare Clinics are now held twice weekly and Ante and Post-Natal clinics weekly.

The Chiropody Services available for elderly and handicapped people are held daily.

The help of the ladies on the voluntary committee at the Infant Welfare Clinic is again gratefully acknowledged and appreciated.

Day Nursery

This service is administered by the Divisional Health Authority, Accrington. The nursery was opened on the 9th February, 1953, and is capable of providing all necessary facilities and accommodation for 50 children. The staff consists of 1 Matron and 14 Assistants and charges are made according to the financial circumstances of parents seeking admission for their children, the maximum being 9/- per day, per child, with a proviso that any second child, etc., is only charged at the rate of 4/- per day.

School Medical Inspection

The school medical service is provided by the County Council. Medical Inspection was carried out by the Medical Officers of the County Council.

The School Clinics continued as usual at Rishton comprising Minor Ailments, Orthopaedic, Ophthalmic and Dental Clinics.

Immunisation Clinics were held regularly at the Welfare Centre.

Hospitals

No Hospitals or Registered Nursing Homes existed within the Urban District.

Health Education

The services outlined above are available to all and are, generally speaking, well used. Efforts are made to secure a wider use of the Health Services by the personal recommendation of the Medical Officer, Health Visitors, School Teachers and others. Posters are exhibited at the Town Hall, Welfare Centre, Clinics, and in the Schools.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water Supply

The Calder Water Board undertake this service and make the necessary tests of the quality of the water. The supply was constant and sufficient as every house is served, no extension of piped supplies has been required. The conversion, as time goes on, of waste water to fresh water closets together with the application of the Standard Grant Scheme will, however, increase the water needs of the district.

Drainage and Sewage

This service is undertaken by the Clayton-le-Moors and Great Harwood Joint Sewerage Board, and extends to all premises save a few isolated farms. Periodical testing and flushing was carried out.

Scavenging is carried out by the Health Department of the Local Authority.

Further details regarding Sanitary circumstances, Housing and Inspection and Supervision of Food, are contained in the report of the Public Health Inspector.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

No new cases of Tuberculosis were notified during the year but 1 death occurred from this disease during the same period.

The number of cases at present on the register is :—

| | | | | <i>Pulmonary</i> | | | <i>Non-Pulmonary</i> | | |
|---|-----|-----|-----|------------------|----|----|----------------------|----|----|
| | | | | M. | F. | T. | M. | F. | T. |
| Number of Cases on the Register | | | | | | | | | |
| at 31/12/65 | ... | ... | ... | 8 | 2 | 10 | 2 | — | 2 |
| Mortality Rate for 1000 est. population, Respiratory T.B. | | | | | | | | | |

During the year 3 cases of Tuberculosis were removed from the register, the reasons being as follows :—

| | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|
| Recovered or Quiescent | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| Transferred from District | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |

The Tuberculosis Service for the area was administered by the Regional Hospital Board and County Council.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS

The table below shows the number of cases of infectious disease, other than tuberculosis during the year 1965.

| NOTIFIABLE DISEASES | TOTAL CASES ALL AGES | REMOVED TO HOSPITAL | DEATHS IN HOSPITAL | TOTAL DEATHS |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Measles | 28 | — | — | — |
| Dysentery (Sonne) ... | | | | |
| Acute Pneumonia (Infl) ... | | | | |
| Whooping Cough ... | | | | |
| Food Poisoning ... | | | | |
| Pueperal Pyrexia ... | | | | |
| Total | 28 | — | — | — |

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 Section 47 NATIONAL ASSISTANCE AMENDMENT ACT, 1951 Section 1

Nil.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES, HOUSING, INSPECTIONS AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Public Health Inspections

The number of premises visited during 1965 was 32,89.

From these visits, 35 nuisances and defects were noted and 28 were remedied, including 4 brought forward from the previous year.

17 informal notices and 1 Statutory notice were issued.

Closest Accommodation

Number of houses and premises using :—

| | |
|---|-------|
| Fresh Water Closets (connected to sewers) ... | 2,326 |
| Waste Water Closets (estimated) | 916 |
| Pail Closet System | 2 |

| | |
|--------------------------------------|-------|
| Total number for houses and premises | 3,244 |
|--------------------------------------|-------|

25 blocked drains, in connection with waste-water closets, were opened.

During the year, 89 waste water closets were converted to fresh water closets.

Refuse Accommodation

Number of houses at which movable ashbins were substituted for fixed receptacles during year—Nil.

There are 2,850 movable ashbins.

The tipping is controlled and is situated on the old printworks site at Oakenshaw.

Income :—Tipping charges £40 os. od

Public Cleansing, 1965

| | |
|---|---------|
| Ashpits emptied | Nil |
| Dustbins emptied | 120,100 |
| Cesspools, etc., emptied | 6 |
| Privy Pails | Nil |
| Motor loads of house refuse removed to tips ... | 1042 |
| Motor loads of street sweepings removed to tips ... | 2 |
| Motor loads of gulley refuse removed to tips ... | 32 |
| Motor loads of clinkers, etc., used for top dressing | 34 |
| No. of loads tipped by private contractors on refuse tip | 160 |
| Houses fumigated | 14 |

Details of Salvage Collected and Sold during year ended 31st December, 1965

| | | | | | APPROX. VALUE | | |
|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------------|-----|---------|
| | | | | | T. C. Q. | £ | s. d. |
| Paper | ... | ... | ... | ... | 28 8 2 | ... | 211 7 9 |
| | | | | | 28 8 2 | 211 | 7 9 |

Shops Act, 1950

263 shops were inspected under the above Act and no infringement of the Act was observed.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 AND 1948

1. Inspections carried out

| PREMISES (1) | Number on Register (2) | Number of | | |
|---|---------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | | Inspections (3) | Written Notices (4) | Occupiers Prosecuted (5) |
| (i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities | 18 | 59 | — | — |
| (ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority | 57 | 84 | — | — |
| (iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out - worker's premises) | — | — | — | — |
| TOTAL ... | 75 | 143 | — | — |

No defects arose during the course of these inspections.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

The Council employs a part time Rodent Operator and all complaints are fully investigated. The rodent control methods used by the Authority are in accordance with those recommended by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. Systematic inspection and disinfestation of surface properties for rats and mice were continued during the year, and the bi-annual treatment of the sewers and manholes has had a considerable effect in reducing infestations both in the sewers and surface properties, in addition, the refuse tip and river banks have been treated to control any possible infestations. During the year free treatment was again afforded to dwellings.

The following table gives a summary of the work done throughout the past year.

| | | | No. of Premises Inspected | No. of Premises found Infested | No. of Treatments carried out |
|------|-----|-----|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Rats | ... | ... | 52 | 35 | 41 |
| Mice | ... | ... | 17 | 17 | 17 |

Sewer Treatment

| Date | No. of Manholes Treated | Complete Takes | Partial Takes |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Full Maintenance 10/8/65 to 15/8/65 | 42 | Nil | Nil |

HOUSING STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR, 1965

Number of new houses erected during the year :—

| | Houses | Bungalows |
|--------------------------------------|--------|-----------|
| (i) By the local authority ... | — | — |
| (ii) By other local authorities ... | — | — |
| (iii) By other bodies or persons ... | — | — |

Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year :—

| | | | | |
|---------|---|-----|-----|-----|
| (1) (a) | Total number of dwelling-houses inspected formally or informally for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ... | ... | ... | 37 |
| (b) | Number of inspections, formal or informal, made for the purpose ... | ... | ... | 182 |
| (2) | Dwelling-houses unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit :— | | | |
| (a) | Number found during the year ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| (b) | Number (or estimate number) at end of year ... | ... | ... | 32 |
| (3) | Number of dwelling-houses found during the year to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation but capable of being rendered fit ... | ... | ... | 37 |

2. Houses Demolished. NIL

Not in Clearance Areas

(vi) Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under other statutory powers. 1

3. Unfit Houses Closed— NIL

4. Unfit houses made fit and houses in which defects were remedied—

| | By Owner | By Local Auth'ty |
|---|----------|------------------|
| (i) After informal action by local authority... | 24 | — |
| (ii) After formal notice under | | |
| (a) Public Health Acts ... | — | — |
| (b) Sections 9 and 16 Housing Act, 1957 | — | — |
| (iii) Under Section 24, Housing Act, 1957 ... | — | — |

5. Unfit houses in temporary use (Housing Act, 1957)—

| I | 2 |
|---------------|---|
| No. of houses | No. of separate dwellings contained in Col. I |

Position at end of year

(i) Retained for temporary accommodation

| | | |
|-------------------------|---|---|
| (a) Under Section 48 | — | — |
| (b) Under Section 17(2) | — | — |
| (c) Under Section 46 | — | — |

(ii) Licensed for temporary accommodation under Section 34 or 53 ... — —

6. Purchase of Houses by Agreement—

Houses in Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Clearance Order or Compulsory Purchase Orders, purchased during the year — —

House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959—Standard Grants Action during year.

| | No. of Schemes | No. of dwellings or other buildings affected |
|---|----------------|--|
| (a) Submitted to Local Authority | 48 | 48 |
| (b) Approved by Local Authority | 48 | 48 |
| (c) Work completed | 46 | 46 |

Inspection and Supervision of Food

Meat and other foods:—The slaughtering of all animals is undertaken outside the area, there being no private slaughterhouses in the district.

The following foodstuffs were examined and condemned as unfit for human consumption :—

**LIST OF CONDEMNED FOODSTUFFS FOR
YEAR 1965**

| | cwts. | qr. | lbs. |
|--------------------------|-------|-----|---------------|
| Beef Thick Flank | 2 | 12 | 3 |
| Gammon Ham | | 15 | 0 |
| Pork | | 16 | 0 |
| Other Tinned Meat | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| Tinned Vegetables... .. | | 3 | 2 |
| Tinned Fruit | | 14 | 1 |
| Salmon | | | 3 |
| Rice Pudding | | 2 | 2 |
| Dairy Cream | | | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Frozen | | 3 | 0 |

Milk Samples

During the year 41 samples of milk were taken in the area and submitted to the Pathological Laboratory, Preston, for Biological tests, the results being as follows :—

Samples for Biological Examination

| | No. of Samples | Results | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------|----------|----------|-----------|
| | | Positive | Negative | No Result |
| Total No. Submitted | 41 | | | |
| Results :— | | | | |
| (i) Tuberculosis | 1 | — | 1 | — |
| (ii) Brucellosis Ring Test ... | 38 | 6 | 31 | 1 |
| (iii) „ Culture „ | 7 | 1 | 6 | — |
| (iv) „ Biological „ | 1 | 1 | — | — |

Ice Cream

| | |
|--|----|
| Number of premises registered for the manufacture and sale of ice cream | 30 |
| Number of premises registered for the manufacture of ice cream. Hot Mix | 3 |
| Premises registered for the retail sale of ice cream ... | 32 |

Preserved Foods

| | |
|--|---|
| Number of premises registered for the sale of Preserved Foods | 6 |
|--|---|

Infectious Diseases

8 books from the library were fumigated prior to re-circulation.

I have the honour to be,

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

F. BAILEY,

Public Health Inspector

